

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2015
Arlington Senior Center, 7:30

Present: Eliza Burden, Karin Blum, Suzi Lubar, Elisabeth Taylor, Scott Samenfeld, Joe Burns

Called to order at 7:38pm

ITEM 1 Approval of April (and March) Minutes

The March and April minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM 2 RFPs

2015-14 Meeting of Generations: Arlington Youth Perform Jazz for Seniors - RFP received

ITEM 3 Full Grant review of remaining 2015 Grants

A request was received from Arlington Recreation department to make sure that applicants have obtained permits prior to grant approval. The council determined that this is part of our existing guidelines and will need to be adhered to more closely in the future, making sure applicants show proof in their application that they have initiated necessary discussions even though a specific date has not yet been identified. Joe Burns said he would make sure the language is included in a draft version of the 2015-16 Liaison Letter as well.

Grant Number	Grant Recipient	Liason	Update
01	Legendary Locals of Arlington (Barbara Goodman and Marjorie Howard) – a 128-page book. \$800	Jeff T.	Eliza will check in with Jeff about status
02	“I am Arlington” (Nilou Moochhala) – community and public art project. \$700	Maggie	No update
03	Creek River String Band – Performances for Old Schwamb Mill & Spy Pond Environmental Task Group. \$600	Joe	Schwamb Mill concert held, Spy Pond on 5/30
04	Family Dance at Robbins Farm (Folk Arts Center of New England) – educator Marcie Van Cleave. \$550	Jeff B.	Permit granted, but rec dept not happy that it wasn’t done in advance of grant
05	Arlington Art Hunt (Karen Dillon) – highlights Arlington’s landscape, architecture and artistic elements. \$600	Maggie	Karen is hoping for mid May or mid June for the hunt

08	"Elemental – Art Rocks Spy Pond Park" (Arlington Public Art) – temporary public art. \$1,000	Joe	Started this weekend
10	The Marble Collection – publication that cultivates creativity and excellence in the arts by teens. \$200	Suzi	Will contact them about liaison switch
12	"Art. Food. Community." (Eileen de Rosas and Melody Wolfe Thomas, Ceramic artists). \$1,100	Karin	Karin will attend on Saturday
13	"A Chance to Dress" (Alice Bouvrie) – Film about Dr. John Southard, MIT professor and geologist. \$600	Suzi	Waiting for Arlington showing to be scheduled
14	"Meeting of Generations: Arlington Youth Perform Jazz for Seniors" (Dan Fox) with Tom Ferrante. \$600	Scott	RFP received, performance went well
18	Images of Arlington: #myArlington (Arlington Center for the Arts) – community photography. \$300	Eliza	Good turnout at opening
23	Two to Tango – A one hour, two-person play in two acts. \$450	EliSabeth	No update
24	Dallin Art Museum-Arlington Public School Days. \$750	EliSabeth	Had the event, invited all 5 th grades in town, had good turnout
27	Philharmonic Society of Arlington Outdoor Summer Concert – Classical music concert for all ages. \$1,200	Karin	Will check about permit
29	Sharing a New Song Chorus Concert (SANS) – 90-voice chorus. \$900	Scott	Concert occurred on Saturday
30	Seniors to Kids and Back Again (Joseph Porcino) – Three-part intergenerational workshop. \$800	Jeff B.	Event will be held 5/26 with 3 rd grade and seniors, and 5/28 with seniors
31	True Stories of Environmental Citizen Action (True Story Theater) \$800	Joe	Performance has occurred

ITEM 4 Community Input requirement

Council intends to re-use the survey from 3 years ago. The plan is to send it out before Memorial Day to obtain responses by the end of June. The survey will be sent to the Arlington list, ACC email list, town email, Facebook, Your Arlington, Patch, and be posted to the ACC website. Elisabeth will review the survey this week. If it needs major changes it will need to be re-hosted on a public survey platform like SurveyMonkey. Elisabeth will send feedback by Friday. Publicity is responsible for publicizing and sending out the link. They will coordinate the language framing the survey with Eliza and Karin.

ITEM 5 ACAC Cultural District meeting report

Karin reported on the meeting held by ACAC last month to discuss establishing a cultural district in Arlington. A district doesn't receive money, but can get signage and publicity. Their meeting on April 16 was very well attended. They talked about a cultural district, what the rules are for one. Attendees then divided into groups to discuss concerns and potential next steps. A big issue is how far the district could stretch since the area is supposed to be walkable. ACAC is trying to get other groups involved. Karin read a letter from Stephanie Marlin Curiel about potential ACC involvement with this process, including convening grantwriting workshops, hosting fundraisers, or providing seed grants as the effort takes shape. Karin will respond to Stephanie, and express that ACC would like to stay informed, but will not take a lead role in cultural district creation.

ITEM 6 Publicity guidelines

Elisabeth & Jeff B have drafted guidelines for publicity role. Eliza and Karin have edited them. Both versions – edited and unedited – are on Dropbox. Discussion tabled until next month due to Jeff's absence to attend Town Meeting.

ITEM 7 Upcoming vacant officer roles, general succession, and recruitment

Eliza will be cycling off in August, Maggie in October. Karin will confirm Eliza's cycling-off date with the MCC. Jeff T could take over as corresponding secretary, or possibly as treasurer. We need to recruit new members in general, and several candidates were suggested, and different members agreed to do some personal reaching out, as that has been more effective than email recruitment and social media.

ITEM 8 Bylaws discussion and next steps

Karin was told by both the Town and MCC that there is no requirement that the ACC have bylaws. Since this is the case, it was expressed that we should not spend a considerable time (or form a subcommittee) to significantly alter our existing by-laws. Tabled until next month due to Jeff's absence to attend Town Meeting.

ITEM 9 New Business

Suzi might be absent for June meeting, in which case Karin will take minutes.

Upcoming Events

May 10-31 - Arlington Public Art – "Art Rocks Spy Pond Park"

May 16 - Art. Food. Community – "400 Bowls 3,000 Meals"

May 17 - The Marble Collection – "Spring into Art"

May 30 - Creek River String Band concert, Spy Pond Park

Mon., June 8 - ACC Meeting, Arlington Senior Center, 7:30pm